

EDITORIALS

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Up to Community

Generous as it is, the Federal grant of \$191,000 to Torrance Memorial hospital by no means assures the community that its hospital problems are solved.

Hospital authorities are, therefore, faced with the necessity of raising some \$382,000 to build two new wings and two surgical units at the hospital which long has operated with inadequate facilities.

This is a project in which all residents of Torrance have a direct interest. Some of the responsibility also rests on residents of the area who have had the benefit of the local facility at a time when the need was greatest.

While providing for the sick and injured is a direct community responsibility, the rapid growth of Southern California cities has outstripped their financial capacity to keep pace.

Here is an opportunity for the Torrance community to reach the conviction that home rule demands something more than willingness to be self governing.

Home Warning System

Civilian Defense Administrator Val Peterson recently told congress of a plan to make available a nationwide warning system that would enable citizens to evacuate their homes by a signal operating within the homes.

Congress did not provide the funds requested but Peterson's plan holds some interesting prospects to an area like Los Angeles always included as a potential target for enemy bombers.

The warning system specifically mentioned by Peterson operated on the principle that power companies could, by reduction of current, set off the signals that would send residents scurrying to the mountains and deserts.

There is no question but that we should have an alert civilian defense organization. Sometimes this fear of the atomic bomb can be overcome, however, and if we permit our imaginations to run unfettered, life won't be worth the living.

Health Bill Defeat

The surprise defeat of President Eisenhower's health reinsurance bill, 233-134, is a blow to the average citizen. Whether or not this bill was the best bill possible, it was the backbone of President Eisenhower's health program.

The Administration had sought to pacify the medical profession by proposing only to reinsure policies of private health groups.

The American Medical Association opposed the bill on the same ground that it opposes practically all health insurance or reinsurance bills, even voluntary ones, on the claim that the bill would have been an opening wedge toward socialized medicine.

A combination of Liberals, who thought the bill did not do enough, and the Conservative opposition—such as that from the A.M.A. and many physicians—defeated a bill which should have been passed (or a substitute passed in its place) for the good and health of the American people, both young and old.

We have local, state, national and Miss Universe beauty contests. At the rate science is moving we can look forward to a Miss Constellation promotion in the not too far distant future.

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

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Advertisement for Grant Wood's 'Cowboys Here' featuring a portrait of a man and text about a jewelry store and a watch. Includes phrases like 'GRANT WOOD', 'NOTED AMERICAN ARTIST', 'FIRST LOOK UP PAINTING DURING WORLD WAR I', 'BY STUDYING CAMOUFLAGE...', 'NEXT ISSUE NEW COLOR DID IT TAKE TO BUILD AUSTRALIA'S 'COWBOYS' BURMA ROAD?', 'SAVE THIS', 'THE NAME ORIGINALLY APPLIED TO BORN SYMPATHIZERS WHO RAN GUNBELLS TO LURE UNSUSPECTING PATRIOTS TO SEARCH FOR "LOST COWS" ONCE OUTSIDE, THEY WERE SHOT!

History Repeats—Again



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

WHAT YOU WILL DO IN 1999:

By trend, precedent, pattern of habit, and the unalterable laws of cycle, I predict that you men and women will be dressed exactly alike in 1999 in a Mother Hubbard type of garment, insulated to keep you either warm or cool! You will be able to take a three-day excursion trip to the moon with actual traveling time six hours each way! You will be able to visit all the places of interest on the moon, and be constantly on the go for three days without actual sleep, for sleep is a habit we will gradually overcome in time.

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS

One of our noted authors who admits his sympathy for the Communist cause, will soon publicly announce that he will go to Russia, which he will, and we will never hear from him again! . . . One of the largest hospitals in the world will soon be built in Las Vegas for the control of cancer! . . . A famed dancer will quietly retire from public life due to his increased alcoholism which makes his particular style of dancing too dangerous! . . . The wife of a very famous lawyer will quietly file for divorce and will name three Hollywood stars as "correspondents" and will charge unprintable things in her complaint! . . . Check me carefully on these predictions!

WATCH OUT FOR THIS FRAUD:

A man will come around to your home and tell you that he has opened a jewelry store in your city and he will repair any watch, clock or bit of jewelry you may have, free of charge just for the advertisement and the good will it will give him. You give him a watch or possibly a ring to repair or clean, and this is the last you ever hear of him! He has absconded with your property. These men usually work in pairs, or even sixes, and make a clean sweep of your street, and then hurriedly move on to the next town! It is usually two weeks before you try to find the store which is printed on the receipt they give you, which proves to be a false address. Beware these crooks, for they travel far and fast. If any offer is made you, contact your Better Business Bureau or your Police Department at once! These men are frauds!

Dear Criswell: My husband sold this house from right under my nose. I'm personally glad to get rid of the place, but he only gave me three days to have every-

thing packed ready to move. We're in a rented apartment, and I have to climb over my furniture to get from one room to another, it's so small. What shall I do about another house? MRS EDITH 431 18

My dear Edith: Your husband should certainly have consulted you before selling your home. I suggest you look for a piece of income property, small units, close in, low rentals, all under one roof, for you can live in one part, and rent out the remainder. This is an ideal set-up for you will have a monthly income and the property will pay for itself.

Dear Criswell: Will my son ever come back to me? DESPERATE M.

My dear desperate M: This misunderstanding you write about was very negligible and I am sure he will soon forget the argument and return. Although this was his fault you should apologize to him, and this will greatly ease things. I suggest you marry this man you mention, for you have been alone for many years, and he can offer you a life of comfort and security. Your son will marry in a short time, and you most certainly need companionship.

Dear Criswell: I am unable to cope with this situation any longer. Should I continue to associate with these people? SOPHIE U. N.

My dear Sophie: Do not ask these people to your home any more, and act rather cool when you see them. They have never reciprocated your hospitality and I know you do not enjoy their company. They have used others as they use you. I am sure they will not annoy you further if you act aloof.

take some of my savings and go on a vacation this year or is it best to just keep going on as I have? BEULAH D. U.

My dear Beulah: You owe it to yourself to take this vacation. If you remain in your house working as hard as you have, it will soon wear down your health. I know the trip will prove most interesting and the change of scenery will do you a world of good.

Dear Criswell: L and E came over the other night and just drank themselves under the table, criticizing everything in the house, eating all my food, and never left until almost dawn. They never invite me to their house, thank God, for I was there once, and had to take a bath when I returned home. What can I do with these people? ANGELINE Y.

My dear Angeline: Do not ask these people to your home any more, and act rather cool when you see them. They have never reciprocated your hospitality and I know you do not enjoy their company. They have used others as they use you. I am sure they will not annoy you further if you act aloof.

Dear Criswell: When I returned from my hometown where I was visiting, I found my home was damaged by fire. The neighbors tell me it started from inside, but my lazy brother claims it was someone who really had it in for me, and they took advantage of my being away. Fortunately I am covered with insurance, but I'd still like to know who was responsible. THERESE R. 4

My dear Therese: You should never have let your brother live in the house while you were away. I feel that his smoking in bed was responsible for this blaze. You have advised me that this was one habit that made you think twice, but you overlooked it, and permitted him to act as caretaker. Never let this man in your house alone again, for he is too careless to be trusted.

Dear Criswell: When I married little did I realize it would be such an expensive proposition. Should I ask my wife to work

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Keys To Success

The Importance of Making a Start

By Roland W. Granger

Everything must have a beginning. There is one of the several keys which, used together, positively will open the door to success for any individual. A man must make a start; otherwise the best plans of the best minds will lead nowhere but to frustration.

The farmer who expects to reap a harvest of corn cannot simply stand wistfully looking at the untilled field, wistfully picturing in his mind tall, thriving rows of green stalks laden with heavy ears. The farmer must prepare the earth by plowing and harrowing, but even this labor and skill won't work alone. He must plant the seeds of the corn. He must make a start with all of the ingredients.

It is true that if the farmer does not plow and harrow his field and does not plant the seeds of corn, he nevertheless will see his field become green. Nature will take over for him and will produce a splendid growth of sturdy, towering weeds. The farmer will have a crop, but it will be useless to him. It will not be what he wished to harvest.

Life is like that. What requires direction that comes from intelligently-made plans and then from a start. Vividly I remember a grizzled trapper whom I happily met on a hunting trip some years ago in Western Canada. In his line he was a success. His many traps were busy and his rich pelts had a ready market. His wants were simple, but his income was more than ample to fulfill them. We talked about accomplishing what you want.

"The trick, he said, "is easy. All a man has to do is put nature to work for him. There's a lot of power in nature, but you have to understand what it can do and then you have to give it direction. If you don't, all the power will be wasted. Leastwise, it won't necessarily produce what a fellow wants."

Many a man understands what nature is capable of in the fields of human relations, science and industry as well as agriculture. The factors of cause and effect are known to millions.

Yet, possession of this knowledge of itself is not adequate. As my trapper friend said in the simply-stated philosophy so frequently found among men who live far from the complexities of great communities, you have to give it direction.

Tremendous strength is possessed by the human mind—the subconscious mind working together as a unit. Great potential for accomplishment is in every normal man and woman, no matter what his station in life. It is not the potential of muscle in the arms, legs and back, although these are willing and often useful tools. It is the potential of vast mind-power in every human being that counts most. Here is the power that, put to work, can give direction to every plan and guide it to success.

However, this direction is achieved only by first making a start. Every good plan, if conceived with an understanding of nature, deserves a start. If a start is never made, the plan can only wither and die.

A good friend in the automobile business once said to me, "When you buy a car, consider first of all the power plant. You may be enticed by a beautiful body design, by the color of the paint job, or by an attractive price, but believe me, if the motor won't start and if it won't keep running, you have no transportation. A car standing at the curb, unable to start, is useless."

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CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW

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Under criminal law, the district attorney looks into the accident and may decide that a traffic law.

He must prove beyond all reasonable doubt that one or both drivers broke a certain law. It is no defense for you that the other driver also broke the law. If the court finds that the prosecutor did not prove the crime beyond a reasonable doubt then the state will lose its case. The accused will go free. "Contributory negligence" is no defense to a criminal action.

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Editor's Note: John Morley's excellent report on the misadventures and fatalities that lost the war in Indo-China will appear in three installments, beginning with this issue.

In the past four years I have made some twelve trips inside Indo-China, which I reported in part in these columns direct from the war zones. In between trips I covered Korea, Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaya, Burma to Singapore, circling the arc immediately influenced by the crisis between the Vietnam and the Vietnam.

The reason I mention the extent and method of travel and reporting is that a correspondent by going in and out of a critical area and gathering facts and impressions from outside sources, interested or disinterested, arrives at conclusions as free of prejudice and propaganda as it is possible to have.

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ponderance" of the evidence, that the other party caused the accident. You as "plaintiff" do not have to prove your case beyond all reasonable doubt.

Moreover, in a civil case, unlike the criminal case, "contributory negligence" is a good defense. Let the "defendant" show that the plaintiff's own negligent acts helped to cause the accident and the "plaintiff" will lose his case.

So a person can be held criminally liable, and yet defeat a civil suit where the defense of contributory negligence is available to him. Or one may be held liable in a civil action and yet found not guilty in a criminal action. This is because of the greater burden of proof needed for a criminal conviction or because not every case giving rise to liability in a civil action is made a crime.

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